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1. UNLESS THERE IS A MORE RAPID RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS THAN WE NOW ANTICIPATE, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE VISITS FOR DR. DUPONT AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IN ANY EVENT WE CAN CERTAINLY ARRANGE PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUES AT THE UPPER WORKING LEVELS WHERE THE REAL EXPERTISE EXISTS. A PROPOSED SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

2. AMONG THOSE CONTACTS FOR DR. DUPONT, WE HOPE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH PROFESSOR FRANCO FERRACUTI WHO HOLDS CHAIR OF FORENSIC MEDICINE AND PSYCHIATRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME. PROFESSOR FERRACUTI IS PROBABLY AMONG THE MOST OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS WORKING IN AREA OF DRUG ABUSE IN ITALY. HE IS EXPERT TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON NARCOTICS AND IS IN FACT NOW WORKING ON A STUDY FOR THE COUNCIL ON THE HIPPY MIGRATIONS TO AREAS TOLERANT OF DRUG USE AND THE SUBSEQUENT EFFECTS OF THEIR SOJOURNS IN THOSE AREAS ON ADDICTION HISTORY. PROFESSOR FERRACUTI HAS ASKED WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PERTINENT STUDIES, CASE HISTORIES OR REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY THAT WOULD HELP BROADEN THE SCOPE OF HIS EFFORT.

3. IN ADDITION, PROFESSOR FERRACUTI IS ACTIVE IN THE TREATMENT

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OF ADDICTION IN ITALY. (HE IS FOR EXAMPLE AUTHORIZED TO AND

DOES DISPENSE METHADONE, THOUGH HE APPEARS TO HAVE LESS THAN FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE EFFICACY OF THE TREATMENT.) HE IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT WORK BEING DONE IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREA OF ANTAGONIST DRUGS SUCH AS NARCAINE; EXPERIMENTAL WORK, CLINICAL USE, ETC.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PROFESSOR FERRACUTI ANY DOCUMENTATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE AREAS OF INTEREST REFERRED TO ABOVE. IN ADDITION IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO PROFESSOR FERRACUTI A LIST OF THOSE SCIENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN RESEARCH ON ANTAGONIST DRUGS AND THOSE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAY NOW BE MAKING CLINICAL USE OF THEM. VOLPE

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